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Dear Dr. Zyda:

Many dedicated individuals serve *pro bono publico* on committees of the National Research Council (NRC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM). In 2002, 6,471 individuals were members of one or more of the 659 committees active during that year. In addition nearly 2,000 individuals served anonymously as reviewers of one or more reports. This service is valued, honored, and appreciated both within the National Academies and by government and the public at large. The work of the National Academies in advising government and the public on matters of science, technology, and health would not be possible without these contributions.

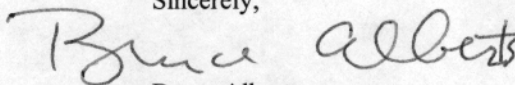
Among these many people are some whose dedication to our work is truly extraordinary. To recognize extraordinary service to the National Academies, the Council of the National Academy of Sciences has established the honorary title of "National Associate" of the National Academies.

I am pleased to inform you that you have been designated a National Associate in honor of your past service. Membership in this group is offered as a lifetime appointment. Enclosed is a booklet in which the National Associates are listed.

In addition to a certificate acknowledging your selection, I am enclosing an expression of my personal appreciation for your efforts -- a copy of **One Universe: At Home in the Cosmos**, by Neill de Grasse Tyson, Charles Liu, and Robert Irion (published by our Joseph Henry Press). I hope you will enjoy this fascinating, glorious book as much as I do.

Your selection as a National Associate entitles you to full use of the facilities in the Members Center on the ground floor of our Constitution Avenue building whenever you are in Washington. This is a place where you can relax, catch up on your e-mail in the free business center, and otherwise be comfortable when you have time between meetings. The Members Center has newspapers and journals, telephones and computers, coffee and cold drinks, easy chairs and worktables. There is also a person there to assist you. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. The presidents of the NAE, IOM and I would be pleased if you would take advantage of this convenient resource.

Sincerely,



Bruce Alberts
Chair

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